

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman John Sinrud, on January 30, 2007 at 3:22 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 438, HB 11, HB 377, HB 374,  
1/25/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 438**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:32 Rep. Dave Gallik (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 438, Computers for legislators toward a paperless legislature.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:03:11 Rep. Gallik

**HEARING ON HB 11**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:40 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 11, Treasure State Endowment appropriations.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:54 Jim Edgcomb, Manager, Treasure State Endowment Program,  
Department of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(aph20a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph20a02\)](#)

00:10:48 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources

[EXHIBIT\(aph20a03\)](#)

00:12:53 Annmarie Robinson, Bear Paw Development, Havre; Rocky  
Boy North Central Water System

00:13:34 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:14:42 Rep. Sesso  
00:15:07 Mr. Edgcomb  
00:15:22 Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce  
00:17:26 Andy Poole, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce

**EXHIBIT (aph20a04)**

00:19:09 Rep. Sinrud  
00:19:50 Rep. Jayne  
00:22:19 Rep. Kasten  
00:22:59 Rep. Sesso  
00:23:26 Rep. Kasten  
00:23:39 Rep. Sinrud  
00:24:42 Rep. Kasten  
00:24:54 Rep. Sinrud  
00:25:02 Ms. Miller

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:57 Rep. Kasten

**HEARING ON HB 377**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:28:20 Rep. Harry Klock (R), HD83, opened the hearing on HB 377, Appropriation for Forest Service History Museum and Education Center.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:29:18 Tom Clifford, retired forest service; National Museum of Forest Service History

**EXHIBIT (aph20a05)**

00:31:27 Dave Stack, retired forest service; Vice President, National Museum of Forest Service History  
00:33:22 Gary Brown, National Museum of Forest Service History  
00:44:33 Samsara Chapman, Montana Discovery Foundation; fire lookout in Bob Marshall Wilderness

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:17 Rep. Morgan  
00:49:11 Dave Stack

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:50:02 Rep. Klock

**HEARING ON HB 374**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:26 Rep. Julie French (D), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 374, Fund construction of new local libraries.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:52:43 Sen. Sam Kitzenberg

01:00:05 Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association

**EXHIBIT (aph20a06)**

01:03:56 Kim Crowley, Director, Flathead County Library System

01:08:07 Jani McCall, City of Billings; Bill Cochran, Director, Billings Libraries

01:08:27 Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, chaired levy campaign in Lewis and Clark county

01:08:44 Debbie Benedict, Library Director, Meagher County Library, White Sulphur Springs

**EXHIBIT (aph20a07)**

01:09:10 Phyllis Tappe, Jefferson County Library Trustee

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:09:37 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:09:58 Rep. Witte

01:10:25 Ms. Crowley

01:12:08 Rep. Morgan

01:13:36 Rep. French

01:15:33 Ms. Staffeldt

01:16:18 Rep. Beck

01:17:41 Ms. Crowley

01:17:54 Rep. Sesso

01:19:59 Ms. Staffeldt

01:21:44 Rep. Musgrove

01:22:31 Ms. Benedict

01:24:01 Rep. Jayne

01:26:37 Ms. Staffeldt

01:28:01 Rep. Jayne  
01:28:14 Rep. French  
01:29:53 Ms. Staffeldt  
01:30:07 Ms. Fitzpatrick  
01:30:46 Rep. McChesney  
01:31:20 Ms. Benedict

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:33:19 Rep. French

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:52 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph20aad.pdf](#))**